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1. In March 1951 about 100 technicians who had been employed in the ship building and repair industry in the Wonsan and Chinnamp'o areas of North Korea left Pyongyang for Dairen, Manchuria. In April, about 400 skilled laborers gathered from the Kyomip'o, Chinnamp'o, and other steel manufacturing areas left Pyongyang for the Anshan Steel Works, Manchuria. They were transferred to Manchuria because United Nations air-raids made it impossible to carry on in Korea industries requiring their skills.
2. Beginning in April 1951, North Korean army winter uniforms were made in private households in all areas of North Korea. The program is directed by the North Korean Women's Alliance, and the tailoring is similar to that in the usual cotton quilted winter uniform. Each household with a sewing-machine must manufacture 20 uniforms, and each home where no machine is available has a quota of from two to three uniforms. The uniforms are made in three colors: grass green, white, and black.
3. In August 1951 five additional Soviet advisers were placed on the staff of the North Korean Ministry of Transportation, making a total of eight Soviet advisers at that ministry. The advisers include one lieutenant colonel, one captain, two lieutenants, and four enlisted men.

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